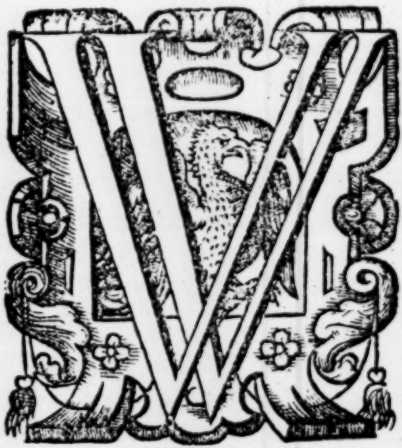


# By the Lord Deputie and Councell.



**C** A Proclamation for the forbidding of Drovers and Butchers to drive Cattle by night, and against buying of any Cattle out of Fayres and Markets.

HENRIE FALKLAND.



Whereas we are informed of a very great abuse, generally practised in all parts of this kingdome by divers persons, who under colour of driving Cattle towards common Fayres & Markets, as if they meant to sell the same in the open Fayres and Markets, doe oftentimes sell and put away the same at Butchers private houses, and sometimes upon the Evening before the Fayre and Market day, or verie early in the Morning of such Fayre or Market dayes: By meanes whereof, such stolen Cattle are utterly killed or driven away, before the true Owners can come to make their clayme and challenge thereunto, especially to such as are sold at Butchers private houses upon the Evening before the Fayre or Market day, so that they are eyther presently killed and fleyed at such Butchers houses, or driven away in the night time, so that the Owner if he come to make pursuite, can neyther follow the tracke, nor vse any other meanes to recover his goods againe, By meanes whereof the felons doe commonly escape, and are thereby much encouraged to commit the like stealths againe, to the generall grievance of all his Maiesties loving subjects of this kingdome, And like inconueniences doe arise, in that aswell English and Scot-

tish, as other Drovers doe by themselves or their seruants & factozs, buy in the high wayes, remote from market-townes, and in other obscure places, great multitudes of Cowes, Oxen, Hozes, and other Cattle by one or two in a place, and convey them out of this kingdome, or into parts remote from the place where they were bought, by occasion whereof many are encouraged to steale Cattle, and sell them to such Drovers, and the true owners doe not know where to seeke their Cattle so bought and conveyed away. Which wee the Lord Deputie and Councell of this kingdome taking into consideration, haue thought fit to make and establish some provisionall order by Act of State for the present, untill further order may be taken for the better reformation thereof. And therefore wee doe hereby order and decree, and likewise straightly charge and commaund, That no common Butcher, or Drover shall by himselfe, or his factoz or seruant, buy any Sheepe, Oxen, Cowes, Hozes, or other Cattle to kill, sell, or transport, at his private house, nor upon the high-way, nor in any other place, but onely in open Fayres and Markets, or at, or in the houses or grounds of such persons as shall notoriously be knowne to be the true owners thereof, and where such Oxen, Cowes, Sheepe, or other Cattle haue bene fed, and depastured by the space of one Moneth next before the buying thereof, upon paine of forfeiture of five pounds sterling for euerie offence committed against the Tenor of this Proclamation, whereof the one halfe to be to his Maiestic, and the other halfe to him or them that shall informe against any such offender or offenders, and to endure such further punishment (by imprisonment, or otherwise) as to vs the Lord Deputie and Councell shall be thought fit to be inflicted upon them for their wilfull contempt in that behalfe.

And further, that no manner of person or persons whatsoener, shall, from, and after the publishing hereof by Proclamation, sell, or buy any Cowes, Oxen, Hozes, Sheepe, or other Cattle whatsoener, that are or shall be brought vnto any Fayre or Market to be sold, untill they haue bene placed, and settled in the open Fayre or market-place upon the vsuall Fayre or market-day, & that between the houres of nine of the clocke in the Morning, & thre of the clocke in the afternoone of the same day, upon paine of imprisonment, as well to the buyers as to the sellers, and such further punishment as to vs the Lord Deputie and Councell shall likewise be thought fit to be inflicted upon them for their wilfull contempt in that behalfe. And wee doe hereby likewise straightly charge and commaund all Lords and Owners of Fayres and Markets, that they doe take diligent care, that no buying or selling be vled within their fencerall liberties, contrarie to the Tenor hereof, upon paine to haue their seuerall Fayres and Markets respectiueley seised into the Kings hands, for holding them, or suffering them to be holden, otherwise then of right they ought to hold and keepe the same, And for that all driving of Cattle by night by Butchers and Drovers, or their seruants is likewise found to be very inconuenient, aswell for the respects before mentioned, as also for that by colour of driving such cattle in the night time from Fayres and Markets, the Butchers or Drovers, many times take other mens Cattle, and drive them along together with their owne, by meanes whereof the said cattle are oftentimes lost, and neuer heard of againe by the true owners: It is therefore ordered, that no Butcher or common Drover shall upon any pretence whatsoener, from henceforth drive any Cowes, Calves, Hozes, Sheepe, Oxen, or any other beasts or Cattle whatsoener in the night time, that is to say, from after the sun-setting, until the sunne rising againe, upon paine to be imprisoned by two Justices of Peace before whom any such Drover or Drovers shall be brought, thereto remaine untill they shall finde suerties for their forth coming, and appearance upon ten dayes warning, to answer their contempt, and not to vse any such driving againe in the night time. And wee doe hereby likewise authorize all Mayors, Bayliffes, Constables, and other his Maiesties Officers and Ministers whatsoener, aswell within Townes corporate as without, and all other his Maiesties loving Subjects whatsoener, to arrest, and stay all and euerie such Drover & Drovers, and other persons whatsoener so driving any such Cattle in the night time, as persons worthily to be suspected of stealing or getting the said Cattle by some unlawfull meanes, and them to carrie before some of his Maiesties Justices of the Peace, to be further dealt withall, eyther by imprisonment and binding as aforesaid, or otherwise as upon examination of the fact, the nature of their offences shalbe found to require. Given at his Maiesties Castle of Dublin the 22. day of August 1625. In the yeare of the raigne of our Soueraigne Lord, King Charles of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, the first.

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*God saue the King.*

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